## **State of South Dakota**

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## HOUSE ENGROSSED NO. HB 1201 - 02/05/2004

Introduced by: Representatives Williamson and Murschel and Senator Kelly

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds to finance 2 certain water pipelines or aqueducts. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA: 3 4 Section 1. That § 46A-1-72 be amended to read as follows: 5 46A-1-72. Construction of a West River pipeline or aqueduct from the Oahe a mainstream 6 Missouri reservoir, the Missouri River itself, or adjacent aquifers to the border with Wyoming 7 one or more communities in South Dakota is hereby authorized for a main delivery pipeline 8 capable of delivering approximately twenty-seven thousand acre-feet of water per year with up 9 to approximately seven thousand acre-feet to be available for use in western South Dakota and 10 the balance into Wyoming water sufficient to supply or supplement the needs of the 11 communities and other private or commercial users purchasing water from the communities. 12 Section 2. That § 46A-1-73 be amended to read as follows: 13 46A-1-73. The South Dakota Conservancy District is hereby authorized to issue bonds for 14 the West River aqueduct pipelines or aqueducts pursuant to section 1 of this Act in an amount 15 not to exceed three hundred fifty five hundred million dollars. However, no single pipeline or

aqueduct project may exceed an amount of seventy-five million dollars. The district may enter

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1 into a financing agreement to loan the proceeds of the bonds as authorized by law. The financing 2 agreement shall provide for repayment of the loan through payments sufficient to pay the 3 principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the bonds. The loan shall be secured by take or pay 4 contracts for the transportation of coal delivery and sale of water and such additional security 5 as is necessary for repayment and to market the bonds. The bonds shall do not constitute an 6 indebtedness of the state and shall do not constitute nor give rise to a pecuniary or moral liability 7 of the state or a charge against its general credit or taxing powers. No tax revenues of the state, 8 its people, or any of its political subdivisions shall may be in any manner obligated to pay for 9 any portion of the construction or financing of the West River pipeline or aqueduct.

- Section 3. That § 46A-1-74 be repealed.
- 11 46A-1-74. The South Dakota Conservancy District is hereby authorized to contract, without
- 12 using state tax revenues, for an independent market study to determine the demand for water
- 13 from the West River Aqueduct.